



Superior Court of California County of Riverside

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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CITIZENS WARNED OF JURY DUTY SCAM

RIVERSIDE COUNTY:

The court has received recent reports that members of the public have been contacted by individuals claiming to be with the Riverside Superior Court or Riverside Sheriff's Office asking for personal identifying information by phone or in person. This includes calls where the caller claims to be a "court or sheriff's department employee" and demands payment (via a Greet Dot or pre-paid credit card transaction) to clear up an outstanding warrant for failure to perform jury duty or be held in contempt of court. In one instance the caller asked to meet the individual at the courthouse in order to collect the fine.

Please be aware that these calls are fraudulent. They have no connection with the Riverside Superior Court or Riverside Sheriff's Office. No court or sheriff's employee will ever contact a member of the public and ask for personal or financial information (such as social security number, date of birth, or credit card number) in lieu of attending jury duty, or to make up for failure to attend jury duty.

If you receive a phone call from someone demanding payment for an outstanding warrant for jury service, immediately contact your local police department to report the incident as a crime.

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